

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claims 1-38 (Cancelled).

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39. (Currently amended) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:

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(a) a planar matrix formed from a matrix material;

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(b) a layer of reinforcing fibers embedded in the matrix material for reinforcing the matrix;

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(c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the matrix layer of

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reinforcing fibers and is at least two particulate particles thick, wherein the matrix

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material surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for mounting the

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particulate layer to the layer of reinforcing fibers.

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40. (Currently amended) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 39, wherein the

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particulate layer mounted to the matrix forms the traffic-bearing surface of the flooring

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unit.

Claims 41-42 (Cancelled).